

Results of Brief Enforcement Hearings – October 18, 2005

Note: Brief Enforcement Hearings are heard by a Single Commissioner, normally the Chair of the Commission. Brief enforcement hearings are held when the facts are not in dispute, the violations appear to be relatively minor in nature, and a penalty no greater than \$500 will be assessed for the violations. A respondent may appeal the results of a brief enforcement hearing by asking the full Commission to review the findings of the Single Commissioner.

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1. **John T. Chang:** Candidate for Shoreline City Council: PDC Case # 06-008
Results: John Chang was a candidate elected to the Shoreline City Council in the 2001 general election, and filed for reelection on May 24, 2005. Mr. Chang was found in violation of RCW 42.17.080 and .090 for: 1) failing to timely file four C-3 reports for contributions received by his 2001 and 2005 campaigns; and 2) failing to timely file three C-4 reports disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken by both his 2001 and 2005 campaigns. Additional allegations regarding failure to file reports electronically, and failing to provide contributor information were dismissed.
Assessed Penalty: A \$500 penalty was assessed, of which \$250 was suspended on the condition that no violations of RCW 42.17 occur within two years from the date of the order.
2. **Bart Preecs:** Candidate for Edmonds City Council: PDC Case # 06-241
Results: Bart Preecs, was a first-time candidate for Edmonds City Council for the 2005 election cycle. Mr. Preecs was found in violation of RCW 42.17.080 & .090 by: 1) failing to timely file the 21-day pre-primary C-4 report and the 7-day pre-primary C-4 report for the 2005 election; and 2) failing to timely file five C-3 reports for contributions received by his campaign.
Assessed Penalty: A \$400 penalty was assessed of which \$200 was suspended.
3. **American Lung Association of Washington (ALAW):** PDC Case # 06-254
Results: ALAW is a public health organization headquartered in the City of Seattle that is active in legislative lobbying and ballot measure campaigns in Washington State, including supporting Initiative 901. ALAW was found to have committed two violations of RCW 42.17.730 by acting as an intermediary or agent for contributions received in the form of cash and checks totaling \$1,305 in 2005, and passing the two contributions on to the Healthy Indoor Air for All Washington (HIAAW), a political committee supporting I-901. The reports filed by HIAAW initially listed the contributions as being from ALAW. HIAAW filed amended C-3 reports listing the source of contributions.
Assessed Penalty: A \$100 penalty was assessed.

4. **Martha Harden-Cesar:** Registered Lobbyist: PDC Case # 06-272
Results: Martha Harden-Cesar, a registered lobbyist, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.170 for failing to timely file three Lobbyist Monthly Expense Reports (PDC Form L-2) as required for June, July and August of 2005.
Assessed Penalty: A \$300 penalty was assessed in accordance with the L-2 Penalty Schedule, of which \$200 was suspended on the condition that no violations of RCW 42.17 occur within two years from the date of the order.

A 2nd Round of Brief enforcement hearings were held for 8 Respondents who PDC staff alleged had failed to timely file the Candidate Registration Statement (PDC Form C-1) and/or the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC form F-1), that was due within two weeks of declaring their candidacy for the 2005 election. The results of the brief enforcement hearings for the 8 Respondents are included on a separate spreadsheet.